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SUBJECT: FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE SFCP STUDY MISSION

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1. USFWS APPRECIATES EFFORTS EMBASSY TO DISCUSS PROPOSED STUDY MISSION WITH JAYAL. FWS AGREES THAT NOVEMBER DATE IS TOO EARLY, AND ACCEPTS PROPOSAL REFTEL (B) FOR JANUARY MISSION. SUGGESTS AFTER HOLIDAY PERIOD, MID OR LATE MONTH.

2. IN ORDER FOR FWS TO DETERMINE MEMBERS OF ITS STUDY MISSION, WILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING POSSIBLE INDIAN PRIORITIES FOR PROJECTS. IN LIGHT OF THIS, DR. ROBERT S. COOK, DEPUTY DIRECTOR FISH AND WILDLIFE SER-
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VICE PROPOSES TO VISIT NEW DELHI AFTER ATTENDING UNESCO CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION IN USSR, WHICH TAKES PLACE SECOND-HALF OCTOBER. DR. COOK PROPOSES TRAVEL FROM MOSCOW TO NEW DELHI DURING PERIOD OCTOBER 28 THROUGH NOVEMBER 3. REQUEST EMBASSY CONCURRENCE THIS PROPOSAL.

3. COOK PROPOSES LEAVE MOSCOW EVENING OCTOBER 28, ARRIVE

NEW DELHI OCTOBER 29. OCTOBER 29 AND 30 PROPOSED AS FREE TIME FOR COOK. FOR OCTOBER 31, REQUEST OPPORTUNITY MEET

WITH EMBASSY SCIENCE STAFF.

ADDITIONALLY, ON 31ST REQUESTS OPPORTUNITY FOR INFORMAL, REPEAT INFORMAL, DISCUSSIONS WITH JAYAL AND STAFF ASSOCIATES REGARDING INDIAN PROJECT PRIORITIES AND HABITATS WHERE THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSERVATION INVOLVED. COOK REQUESTS NOVEMBER 1-2 BE SET ASIDE FOR VISITS TO NATURAL AREAS IN DELHI REGION FOR PURPOSE OF OBSERVING TYPICAL ECOSYSTEMS IN WHICH PROJECTS COULD TAKE PLACE. THIS WILL REQUIRE ASSISTANCE OF JAYAL AND STAFF. COOK TO DEPART INDIA NOVEMBER 3.

4. COOK VERY ANXIOUS TO MEET JAYAL AND EXPRESS INTERESTS FWS TO INDIAN OFFICIALS FOR SFCP PROJECTS TO CONSERVE THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FLORA AND FAUNA IN INDIA. RECOGNIZE THAT NATURE OF DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE INFORMAL AND EXPLORATORY. DESIRE, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, TO ACCOMMODATE COOK'S WISH TO VISIT.

5. DR. COOK WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE AND DAVID A. FERGUSON OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS STAFF USFWS. FERGUSON WOULD ARRIVE BEFORE COOK TO ASSIST SCICOUNS STAFF IN ARRANGING FIELD VISIT, ETC. AS COOK LEAVING FOR UNESCO CONFERENCE MID OCTOBER REQUEST REPLY RE POSSIBILITIES ASAP UNCLASSIFIED

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IN ORDER OBTAIN VISAS DR. AND MRS. COOK AND FERGUSON. WILL REQUEST ASSISTANCE ARRANGING HOTEL RESERVATIONS IN SEPTTEL IF VISIT POSSIBLE.

6. FOR INFORMATION SCICOUNS STAFF: FWS AWARE THAT DATES SUGGESTED REFTTEL (A) UNREALISTIC. HOWEVER, WISHED TO IMPRESS UPON INDIAN OFFICIALS FWS EARNEST DESIRE FOR EARLY CONSULTATIONS. FWS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED EMBASSY STAFF EFFORT TO ACCOMMODATE VISIT AND URGES STAFF TO ENCOURAGE JAYAL TO RECEIVE COOK. MAY EXPRESS TO JAYAL THAT FWS FEELS EXPLORATORY DISCUSSIONS OF INFORMAL NATURE WILL BE MOST HELPFUL TO FWS IN DETERMINING THE PROPER COMPOSITION OF JANUARY STUDY MISSION AND ITS SUCCESS.

7. WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE ON EMBASSY CONCURRENCE AND INDICATION WHETHER SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR DR. COOK CAN BE ARRANGED, NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 11TH.

8. TRANSPORTATION, PER DIEM AND OTHER COSTS FOR DR. COOK AND MR. FERGUSON TO BE CHARGED TO SFCP ACCOUNT. ALLOTMENT NO. 151-105; APPROPRIATION NO. 14X0105. CHRISTOPHER

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